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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time for response for a period of one month. The period for response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2005 for the above-identified patent application will now expire on March 3, 2006.

A check in the amount of \$120.00 is enclosed for the one month extension.

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